

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 566 without my signature.

California's peace officers are tasked with the important job of ensuring public safety. Each day their job requires decisions that can have a lasting impact on the lives of the citizens of this state and their trust in government. Peace officers need to be selected from a pool of high-caliber individuals.

In California, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training is the state entity responsible for setting the minimum standards for selection and training for California peace officers. Given the incredibly important nature of their work, we should strive to have a broad pool of candidates so this Commission has the best membership possible. As a result, I cannot support a bill that would limit the ability of this or any future administration to appoint the most qualified individuals.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger